Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 GENEVA 08355 011523Z
ACTION IO-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 STRE-00 AGRE-00 CEA-01 CIAE-00
COME-00 DODE-00 EB-08 FRB-03 H-01 INR-10 INT-05
L-03 LAB-04 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 CTME-00 AID-05
SS-15 STR-07 ITC-01 TRSE-00 ICA-11 SP-02 SOE-02
OMB-01 DOE-15 /115 W
----------037487 011533Z /75
P 011514Z JUN 78
FM USMISSION GENEVA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0312

C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 08355

USMTN

PASS COMMERCE FOR INFO
PASS STR FOR INFO
STR PASS CODEL

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD, MTN
SUBJECT: COMBINED ISAC 5 (INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS), ISAC 8
(PLASTICS AND RUBBER) MEETING WITH MTN DELEGA-
TION, MAY 30-31

REF: GENEVA 8084

1. ISAC'S 5 AND 8 IN COMBINED SESSION MET WITH AMBASSADOR MCDONALD AND MTN DELEGATION STAFF IN GENEVA MAY 30-31 IN MEETINGS WHICH PROCEEDED GENERALLY AS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL. REPRESENTING ISAC 5 WERE CHAIRMAN R. BRENNAN OF UNION CARBIDE; FOVEAUX OF OCITA; S. BOYD OF DUPONT; KASPRZAK OF SOCMA; AND R. ALSAGER OF CHEMETRON. REPRESENTING ISAC 8 WERE CHAIRMAN W. CHRISTOPHER; G. SWARTZWELDER OF ALLIED; D. BROTZMAN OF RMA; T. GLENN OF ROHM AND HAAS; AND E. SONNECKEN OF GOODYEAR. IN ADDITION, W. SNEATH, THE CHEMI-
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 GENEVA 08355 011523Z

CAL INDUSTRY TRADE ADVISOR AND IPAC MEMBER, ALSO ATTENDED.

2. TRADE OBJECTIVES OF ISAC'S WERE ENUMERATED AS FOLLOWS: TARIFFS--THE INDUSTRY REITERATED THAT WITHDRAWAL OF CER-
TAIN CHEMICAL PRODUCTS FROM THE U.S. OFFER IS THEIR HIGH-
EST PRIORITY, FOREIGN TARIFF REDUCTIONS ARE OF MUCH LESS IMPORTANCE. THEY EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO HONE DOWN THIS

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

LIST TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE IN TERMS OF PRIORITIES. NON-TARIFF MEASURES--A MEANINGFUL SUBSIDIES CODE WHICH WILL DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH THE CHANGING WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION IS OF GREAT INTEREST TO THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY. SUCH A CODE MUST APPLY TO ALL MAJOR TRADING COUNTRIES AND DEAL WITH SUCH TRADE DISTORTING MECHANISMS AS ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE. AN ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS CODE IS ALSO OF INTEREST. THE INDUSTRY ALSO SEEKS A PROPER CONVERSION OF THE AMERICAN SELLING PRICE (ASP) VALUE STANDARD AND REQUESTS PROPER COMPENSATIONS FOR ABANDONMENT OF THIS STANDARD. THEY SUGGEST THAT A GOOD STARTING LEVEL FOR NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE THE EC RESTORATION OF THE 30 PER CENT LOST AT THE END OF KENNEDY ROUND. THE INDUSTRY IS MOST CONCERNED THAT EQUITY WITHIN THE SECTOR BE ACHIEVED.

3. ISAC 8 SPECIFIED THE FOLLOWING AS ITS MAJOR TRADE OBJECTIVES: THE ACHIEVEMENT OF EQUITY IN TARIFF REDUCTIONS AMONG INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE LOSS IN TARIFF PROTECTION ON SPECIFIC AND COMPOUND DUTIES WHICH HAS OCCURRED SINCE 1972, THE NON-REPRESENTATIVENESS OF IMPORT DATA USED IN THE ASP AND AVE CONVERSIONS, THE DIFFERENCES IN VALUATION STANDARDS, AND THE INDUSTRY'S HARMONIZATION OBJECTIVES. THEY ALSO STRESSED THAT FOREIGN TARIFF REDUCTIONS OF INTEREST TO THE U.S. SHOULD BE SOUGHT AND EXCEPTIONS NOMINATIONS PROPOSED BY THE ISAC SHOULD BE RECONSIDERED. IN ADDITION, THEY BELIEVE THAT CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 GENEVA 08355 011523Z

VERY LIMITED USE OF THE U.S. DUTY ELIMINATION AUTHORITY SHOULD BE MADE. ISAC 8 ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN EFFECTIVE SUBSIDIES AND SAFEGUARDS CODES, THE RETENTION OF ASP ON RUBBERT FOOTWEAR, AND AN EQUITABLE CONVERSION OF CHEMICAL PRODUCTS. WITH SPECIFIC REGARD TO TIRES, THE ISAC ASKED FOR A ROLLBACK IN THE TIRE OFFER TO A FORMUAL CUT AND TARIFF HARMONIZATION IN MAJOR MARKETS. THEY DO NOT SEE EQUITY WHERE U.S. ENDS UP WITH ZERO TARIFF AND THE EC WITH SIX PER CENT. BOTH ISAC'S FELT THE TRIP WAS WORTHWHILE, ALTHOUGH THEY FELT THEIR MAIN WORK TO BE DONE WAS IN WASHINGTON. THEY WILL USE THE NEXT TWO WEEKS TO STRESS THEIR MAIN MTN POINTS, ESPECIALLY RE TARIFFS, IN STR, COMMERCE, AND THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.

4. DRAFTED BY MSCHWEITZER. MCDONALD

CONFIDENTIAL

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

NNN

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PLASTICS, RUBBER, CHEMICALS, MEETINGS, MEETING REPORTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 01 jun 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978GENEVA08355
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780229-0811
Format: TEL
From: GENEVA USMTN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t197806108/aaaadpcw.tel
Line Count: 109
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 03a5c97d-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION IO
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 GENEVA 8084
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 01 aug 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2165841
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: COMBINED ISAC 5 (INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS), ISAC 8 (PLASTICS AND RUBBER) MEETING WITH MTN DELEGA- TION, MAY 30-31
TAGS: ETRD, MTN
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkvgwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/03a5c97d-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014